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**TO: Tennessee Fire Service**

**DATE: July 12, 2004**

**SUBJECT: Update on TFACA's Fire Service Training Program**

It has been a great year for the new Tennessee Fire Service & Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA). As we wind up the fiscal year in June, the TFACA Fire Service Program has conducted over 140,000 student contact hours in training for the state's fire service. This training was delivered both "on-site" at host fire departments throughout the state by our Field Extension Program, and on-campus at the Academy. Courses ranged from the 58-hour *Basic Firefighting* to *Fire Officer* to special operations training such as *Emergency Response to Terrorism*. We are proud of the record number of student contact hours of training that the TFACA has been able to deliver this year and look forward to continue to serve you the Fire Service of Tennessee during this next fiscal year.

The Fire Service Program's On-Campus Course Schedule for 2004 – 2005 is now available. To register for on-campus courses or obtain more information please call the Academy at 1-800-747-8868 or 931-294-4111. For inquiries or scheduling regarding field delivered training courses, please contact your local Regional Fire Instructor Coordinator, or Jerry Crews, Regional Fire Supervisor, at 931-294-4153.

As a reminder, Tennessee State Weekend at the National Fire Academy is scheduled for November 19 – 21, 2004. The special registration packets were mailed to all fire departments the last week of May. The deadline for registration is July 30, 2004. Please make sure your Fire Department submits their applications by this date. There is a great selection of courses again this year and I encourage each department to submit applications for personnel to attend this unique educational opportunity.

As was mentioned in the previous update to you, the TFACA is the recipient of a federal Homeland Security grant through the office of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA). This grant will be used to conduct Emergency Response to Terrorism (ERT) training to the states' fire and emergency service personnel. This grant covers the full cost of instruction, including student tuition. For students attending grant courses on-campus who meet travel requirements the grant also covers their meals and lodging on-campus. There are a variety of two-day courses that are scheduled on-campus during the week and on weekends to meet the needs of both volunteer and career service firefighters. I encourage Tennessee fire departments and their

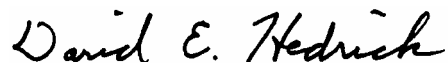
personnel to take advantage of these courses, geared towards enhancing the emergency response capabilities of our state's fire and emergency services to potential terrorist related emergencies. For more information on courses and schedules related to the Homeland Security Grant please contact your TFACA Regional Coordinator or call the Academy at 931-294-4111.

On June 11, 2004 the latest nine-week *Recruit/Firefighter I* Academy graduated from the TFACA. There were 16 firefighter candidates that graduated and returned to their municipalities ready to take on their duties as trained and competent firefighters. Additionally, TFACA conducted forty-seven *Basic Firefighting* courses across the state providing basic firefighter training to over 800 firefighters. TFACA congratulates these newest firefighters in the State of Tennessee. The next on-campus Recruit/Firefighter I Academy begins September 20, 2004.

The first annual Tennessee Ultimate Fire Fighter (TUFF) Challenge will be held at the Academy on September 25, 2004 in conjunction with the Tennessee Fire Chiefs' Association and the Tennessee Firemen's Association. The proceeds of this event will benefit the Tennessee Firefighters Memorial. Please come and join your fellow state firefighters for this exciting competition. For more information or to register contact Karen Alexander at 931-294-4107 or email, karen.d.alexander@state.tn.us.

We appreciate the support of the Tennessee Firemen's Association, Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association, the other state fire and codes organizations, and most importantly you the fire service of the State of Tennessee. We look forward to continue working together to improve the fire service of Tennessee through education and training. If the Fire Program's Staff or I can be of assistance, please contact us at 800-747-8868 or 931-294-4111.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Hedrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David E. Hedrick  
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